



Yucca Weekly Update



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Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

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Public Budget Meetings. The city of Glendale has created several opportunities for residents to give comments on the proposed budget for next fiscal year. The feedback will be given to the City Council as they make decisions on the 2010-2011 budget and proposed adjustments.

Residents are invited to attend a public meeting to comment or ask questions while also learning about the budget process and innovative ideas that have been implemented.

The public budget meetings are scheduled for:

- **March 3rd:** Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center - 5600 W. Union Hills Drive (Coyote Room), 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **March 4th:** Desert Mirage Elementary School – 8605 W. Maryland (cafeteria), 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **March 8th:** Glendale City Council Chambers – 5850 W. Glendale Ave., 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the public meetings, a special Web site and hotline have been created offering residents an alternative to voice their opinion. Online comments can be submitted at www.glendaleaz.com. Citizens can also call a special public hotline and leave a message with feedback on the proposed budget. The hotline is (623) 930-2444. The hotline and online comment cards will be available until 5 p.m. on March 11.

Touch A Truck This Saturday, February 27.

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating the 10th year of the family event, Shamrock Towing Touch A Truck, on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glendale Community College parking lot, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

Ten Years of Trucks: Ten Years of Family Tradition provides an opportunity for the entire family to look at, sit in and touch a truck.

Over 35 trucks, construction vehicles, safety vehicles such as fire trucks and unusual vehicles will be on display. Special guests include the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, the Truly Nolen stretch limousine and Ridemakerz. Children can test their "truck" skills in the Sand Play Area, The Big Dig and Tiny Tot Drivers.

Admission is free; souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. This event is presented by United Road Towing, Bedrock Stone Co., Triple A, Arizona Trucking Association and Napa Auto Parts. For more information, call 623-930-2044.



2010 Glendale Regional Travel Planner. Readers can step into the pages of Glendale through its new Regional Travel Planner, a glossy magazine-style guide that covers not only the city of Glendale, but the West Valley region.

The travel planner includes vital information about key destinations, events, maps and activities. A new feature in the guide incorporates tips from Glendale historian Ruth Byrne, which capitalizes on the city's centennial. Leisure travelers, sports fans, tour guide operators, visitor centers, chambers of commerce, travel planners and media outlets request and receive copies of the planner daily. Last year, there was a 73 percent increase in travel packets requested. This full-size visitor magazine costs the city nothing to produce and is fully supported by advertisers.

Also new this year is a fully interactive online version of the publication. The user-friendly online version allows visitors who are planning their trip to Glendale to see the guide right away and begin building their list of must-see things to see and do. [Click here](#) to access the guide online.

To pick up a copy of the guide, stop by the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140 in downtown Glendale. For additional information about what's going on in Glendale, go to www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623.930.4500.



Enroll Now in the Glendale Citizen Police Academy! The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy that starts on April 7, 2010.

The Citizen Academy is a free program designed to give participants a chance to learn, hands on, about many police operations, such as the use of canines, crime scene investigations, and tactical operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the police department's administration, police communications, and community-oriented policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and be willing to undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and applications must be completed and submitted no later than March 3, 2010. The academy is 11 weeks long and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Glendale Regional Public Safety and Training Center. There are two Saturday classes, and one Monday and Tuesday evening class that is a part of this program as well.

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and are available online. [Click here](#) to access the application.

For more information, please call (623) 772-7118.

“Click It or Ticket.” Officers from the Glendale Police Department are making a special commitment to help save lives on Arizona roadways by stepping up enforcement and reminding all drivers and passengers to Click It or Ticket.

The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety awarded the City of Glendale \$30,000 for the Click It or Ticket program in 2009. The purpose of this program is to implement a demonstration project in Maricopa County to test the effects of conducting multiple, short-term Click It or Ticket mobilization periods. The goal is to sustain and increase the seat belt and car seat usage rates in Maricopa County.

Glendale's enforcement will take place February 27 through March 7th, 2010 and is designed to increase seat belt and car seat usage. Worn correctly, seat belts can significantly reduce the risk of fatal injury. High visibility enforcement of seat belt laws, like the Click It or Ticket program, has been effective in raising the awareness and the importance of seat belt and car seat usage.

Seat belts do save lives. Unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse - your life, please buckle up and drive safely.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Free Programming at Glendale's Libraries in March! Glendale's three libraries are offering a variety of free events for the whole family.

Live Acoustic Music in March. Enjoy free live music at the Glendale Main Library or the Foothills Branch Library, and sit in on either the Coffeehouse or the Acoustic Jam Sessions:

Foothills Branch Library. Mar. 3 at 7 p.m. – Coffeehouse Musical

Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. – Acoustic Jam Session

Glendale Main Library. Mar. 17 at 7 p.m. – Music featuring Irish, cowboy and folk music

Mar. 31 at 6:30 p.m. – Acoustic Jam Session

Live at the Library. The following free performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium:

Mar. 4 –Join Jane Hilton, Shay Veno and Brian Krauss of *Idle Road* for an evening of heart-lifting Celtic tunes.

Mar. 25 – Glass Harmonica with Lynn Drye.

Authors @ The Teague. Velma Teague Branch is featuring two authors during the month of March for their Authors @ The Teague series:

Mar. 3 at 2 p.m. – Beth Solheim, author of “At Witt's End.”

Mar. 11 at 1:30 p.m. – Cara Black, author of “Murder in the Palais Royal.”

For more information about programs at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., call 623-930-3573. To learn more about programs at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave., call 623-930-3844. For more information about programming at Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave., call 623-930-3439.

Glendale Family Bike Ride Registrations Now Online! Glendale's Green Festival is teaming up with the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Saturday, March 27, and both events are bigger than ever! This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get a little exercise and learn about water and energy efficiency, alternative transportation, going solar, and many other green-living practices. [Click here](#) to learn more! [Register for the Bike Ride](#)

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